





# REPORT

OF THE

## AUDITING COMMITTEE

OF THE

### TOWN OF RINDGE:

PRESENTED AND ACCEPTED

MARCH 11, 1851.

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THE Committee chosen at the last annual Town Meeting, to reckon with the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, having attended to the duties assigned them, make the following Report:

We find the Selectmen chargeable with the following sums:

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Town, School, State and County Taxes, for 1850,        | 3090 53   |
| Support of Samuel Adams, received of the County,       | 82 92     |
| Interest on Bonds due the Town,                        | 28 26     |
| Railroad Tax, received of the State,                   | 15 99     |
| Bounty on Crows, received of the State,                | 14 00     |
| School House Tax, District No. 9,                      | 365 21    |
| School House Tax, District No. 6,                      | 102 84    |
| School House Tax, District No. 8,                      | 91 74     |
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| Making the amount received,                            | \$3791 49 |
| The Selectmen have also in their hands, Literary Fund, |           |
| received of the State,                                 | 46 12     |
| Interest on the same,                                  | 1 74      |
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| Total on hand,                                         | \$47 86   |

The Selectmen charge the Town with the following sums, paid by them :

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Balance against the Town, March 12, 1850,                                                  | 270 52 |
| To the Selectmen of 1849, their services,                                                  | 106 00 |
| To Collector and Surveyors, Taxes abated,                                                  | 7 69   |
| To Collector, over assessments,                                                            | 3 35   |
| To Alison Lake, Collector, Taxes refunded,                                                 | 11 93  |
| To A. P. Watson, entertaining Town Officers, March, 1850,                                  | 13 22  |
| To Stephen Hale, repairing Highway,                                                        | 10 00  |
| To Joshua Converse, repairing Bridge, District No. 4,                                      | 2 73   |
| To David Wallace, repairing Bridge, District No. 27,                                       | 1 00   |
| To John Richards, repairing Bridge, District No. 1,                                        | 5 79   |
| To Joseph Davis, damage of Road through his land,                                          | 200 00 |
| To Joshua Converse, Charles Carter, and James L. Demary, for finishing the Pool Pond Road, | 248 20 |
| To Alison Lake, expenses in contesting Melville Road,                                      | 53 93  |
| To Committee, services, contesting Melville Road,                                          | 33 49  |
| To the several School Districts,                                                           | 805 39 |
| To School District No. 9, School House Tax,                                                | 364 86 |
| To School District No. 6, School House Tax,                                                | 102 84 |
| To School District No. 8, School House Tax,                                                | 91 74  |
| To Superintending School Committee,                                                        | 40 00  |
| To Levi Howe, for clothing William Stratton, at the Hartford Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, | 42 00  |
| To Alison Lake, for collecting Taxes,                                                      | 24 50  |
| To Alison Lake, discount on Taxes,                                                         | 125 34 |
| To Samuel Stearns, for Board while making Taxes,                                           | 5 00   |
| To Samuel Stearns, for Cheshire Institute,                                                 | 14 10  |
| To S. Stearns and J. Stratton, Jr., expenses out of town,                                  | 5 33   |
| To Samuel Stearns, printing Town and School Reports,                                       | 20 00  |
| To Samuel Stearns, Bounty on Crows,                                                        | 14 00  |
| To S. Stearns, for preparing Auditor's Report for the Press,                               | 1 00   |
| To Samuel Stearns, for Postage and Stationery,                                             | 1 50   |
| To Samuel Stearns, Interest on Money borrowed,                                             | 47 76  |
| To J. Stratton, Jr., for repairing Pound,                                                  | 5 75   |

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| To Amos Buttrick, for summoning ten persons to take<br>the oath of office,                                                                                                             | 4 00      |
| To H. N. Buttrick, for notifying two Jurymen,                                                                                                                                          | 1 00      |
| To Thomas Ingalls, Town Clerk's services,                                                                                                                                              | 15 00     |
| To Thomas Ingalls, repairing Bell Rope and Warrant<br>Box,                                                                                                                             | 1 20      |
| To Freeborn Stearns, for Ringing the Bell,                                                                                                                                             | 12 00     |
| To Levi Howe, amount received of the County and paid<br>for the support of Mirriam Richards, credited to the<br>Town, but omitted to be charged to the Town in last<br>year's account, | 72 99     |
| To Overseers of the Poor, to defray Pauper expenses,                                                                                                                                   | 498 53    |
| To Overseers of the Poor, for their services,                                                                                                                                          | 15 00     |
| State Tax,                                                                                                                                                                             | 282 00    |
| County Tax,                                                                                                                                                                            | 459 42    |
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| Making the amount paid,                                                                                                                                                                | \$4040 10 |
| Deduct the amount received,                                                                                                                                                            | 3791 49   |
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| Which leaves a balance against the Town, of                                                                                                                                            | \$248 61  |

The Collector has promptly paid over all the Taxes committed to him to collect the past year, agreeably to his warrants.

The Selectmen have spent the following time in the service of the Town, the past year, for which they have received no compensation :

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| SAMUEL STEARNS, . . . .       | 38 days |
| JOSIAH STRATTON, JR., . . . . | 30 "    |
| GEORGE D. HAPGOOD, . . . .    | 24½ "   |

The accounts of the Selectmen are correctly kept and cast, and properly vouched.

In relation to the accounts of the Overseers of the Poor, the Committee submit the following statements, derived from the Town Farm Book :

Inventory at the Farm, March 1, 1850, was,—

|                                                                                             |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Town Farm,                                                                                  | 3000 00         |
| Live Stock,                                                                                 | 573 75          |
| Farming Tools,                                                                              | 233 13          |
| Household Furniture,                                                                        | 223 02          |
| Articles of consumption,                                                                    | 612 90          |
| Total,                                                                                      | <hr/> \$4642 80 |
| To which add one year's interest on the above Inventory, excepting articles of consumption, | 241 79          |
| Add, also, for the services of S. F. Towne, his wife and son,                               | 260 00          |
| Also, amount paid for Labor, Grain, Goods, &c',                                             | 414 04          |
| Making                                                                                      | <hr/> 5558 63   |

The Inventory at the Farm, March 1, 1851, was,—

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Town Farm,                                                                                                      | 2930 00         |
| Live Stock,                                                                                                     | 541 25          |
| Farming Tools,                                                                                                  | 205 23          |
| Household Furniture,                                                                                            | 194 38          |
| Articles of consumption,                                                                                        | 461 39          |
| Total,                                                                                                          | <hr/> \$4332 25 |
| To which add income of Farm past year,                                                                          | 209 00          |
| Add, also, Notes and Bills due the Town,                                                                        | 56 48           |
| Also, add amount due from the County for the support of Samuel Adams,                                           | 83 62           |
| Making                                                                                                          | <hr/> \$4681 35 |
| Inventory of last year, interest and payments as above,                                                         | 5558 63         |
| Inventory of this year, income of Farm, Notes and Bills due as above,                                           | 4681 35         |
| Deducted therefrom, leaves                                                                                      | <hr/> \$877 28  |
| As the expense of supporting the Town Paupers the past year, as stated by the Overseers, on the Town Farm Book. |                 |

The sum of \$42 00, paid for clothing William Stratton, referred to in another part of this Report, is not included in the above sum of \$877 28, the Committee believing that sum, and others paid before, for the same purpose, to be properly applied for the prevention of Pauperism, rather than for the support of Paupers.

The amount before stated of \$414 04 as paid for Labor, Grain, Goods, &c., is made up as follows :

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Men's Work on the Farm,              | 86 92  |
| Women's Work in the House,           | 39 25  |
| Five barrels Flour,                  | 30 16  |
| Support of William's Rugg's son,     | 39 00  |
| Blacksmithing,                       | 16 27  |
| Medicine and Medical Attendance,     | 11 29  |
| Five bags Salt,                      | 7 82   |
| Twelve bushels Corn,                 | 9 45   |
| Thirty bushels Rye,                  | 23 90  |
| Grass Seed,                          | 4 75   |
| One barrel Biscuit,                  | 2 38   |
| Carding Wool,                        | 4 13   |
| Spinning,                            | 3 18   |
| Coloring and Weaving,                | 3 70   |
| Dressing Cloth,                      | 1 36   |
| Mason's Work,                        | 3 00   |
| Eight Butter Tubs,                   | 2 00   |
| Six pairs Boots,                     | 8 00   |
| Shoe-making, &c.,                    | 5 70   |
| Store Bills and incidental expenses, | 111 78 |

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\$414 04

The income of the Farm, \$209 00, before named, includes the following particulars:

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| Received for Vinegar, | 3 64  |
| “ “ Calves,           | 11 00 |
| “ “ Veal,             | 1 31  |
| “ “ Calf Skins,       | 3 17  |

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|------------------------------------|-------|
| Received for Hides,                | 4 99  |
| “ “ Cider,                         | 3 75  |
| “ “ Apples,                        | 4 50  |
| “ “ Wood and Timber,               | 2 20  |
| “ “ Potatoes,                      | 1 50  |
| “ “ Keeping Shoats,                | 2 25  |
| “ “ Braiding Hats,                 | 1 65  |
| “ “ Socks and Gloves,              | 21 77 |
| “ “ Labor done abroad,             | 14 37 |
| “ “ Butter,                        | 63 54 |
| “ “ Boarding School Teacher,       | 10 00 |
| “ “ Eggs,                          | 11 09 |
| “ “ H. Whitcomb's work at Springs, | 11 63 |
| “ “ Balance on Oxen,               | 20 34 |
| “ “ Other items,                   | 16 30 |

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\$209 00

Mr. Solomon F. Town and wife, who have managed the affairs of the Farm and the Family for the last four years, retired from the station on the first inst., and are succeeded by Mr. Edwin Chase and wife, who, we learn, are to receive two hundred and twenty-five dollars for their services.

The accounts of the Overseers, on the Farm Book, have been carefully kept the past year, and correctly cast, and evince untiring industry, patient perseverance, and careful attention to the interest of the Town.

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The number of inmates at present at the Farm, is twelve, whose names and ages are as follows :

|                  |    |                     |    |
|------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Talmon Jennings, | 86 | Abigail Carey,      | 45 |
| Isaac Godding,   | 73 | Martha M. Stratton, | 13 |
| Stephen Brooks,  | 73 | Henry C. Whitcomb,  | 12 |
| Mary Russell,    | 72 | Albert H. Whitcomb, | 9  |
| Sally P. Carey,  | 55 | Sarah E. Whitcomb,  | 7  |
| Raymond Perkins, | 48 | Julius W. Whitcomb, | 5  |

The Town having owned and occupied their Farm ten years, some general remarks relating to the whole term may, perhaps, be acceptable to the citizens. There have been four different Agents on the Farm, whose average salary has been \$258 25. The average yearly expenses for the support of Town Paupers, has been \$628 10. The number of deaths at the Farm has been eight. Whatever may be the present absolute worth of the Farm, the Committee believe that there has been quite an improvement in its relative value since owned by the Town; and the Committee are thoroughly impressed with the propriety, expediency, and humanity, even, of having a permanent home for those who are so unfortunate as to be unable to maintain themselves.

All which is respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Town.

BENJAMIN PEIRCE, }  
 JASON B. PERRY, } *Committee.*  
 LEVI HOWE, }

RINDGE, March 11, 1851.





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